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comparing the quality of service obtained in said determining step with a predetermined threshold level for said voice telephone call; [and]

in response to a result in said comparing step that said predetermined threshold level is exceeded, routing said telephone call to a second one of said stations through said public data packet network in packet data format; and

routing said voice telephone call to said second station through an interexchange carrier switched voice network in PSTN network protocol if said predetermined threshold level is not exceeded.

Claim 4, line 1, change "3" to --1--.

21. (Amended) A communications network comprising:

a switched telecommunications network having interconnected central office switching systems and having subscriber lines connected to said central office switching systems providing connection between terminals connected to said subscriber lines, each of said central office switching systems responding to a service request on a subscriber line connected thereto to selectively provide a communication connection between the requesting line and another selected subscriber line through the connected central office switching system or through the connected central office switching system and at least one other central office switching system;

a separate control network for said switched telecommunications network comprising a common channel interoffice signaling network including signal transfer points

connected to said central office switching systems through signal switching points via links between said signal switching points and signal transfer points;

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a data network separate from said switched telephone network comprising multiple remotely spaced routers for linking together paths of said data network using transmission control protocols to provide connectionless packet service between remote locations of said data network;

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at least two of said central office switching systems having connected thereto an interface to said data network, said central office switching systems providing selective connection between said interfaces and the subscriber lines connected to each of said central office switching systems; [and]

wherein each interface includes capability to invoke a quality test application for determining the quality of service in said data network; and

wherein said control network comprises means responsive to the quality of service in the data network for selectively routing a voice call originating from a first central office switching

system to a second central office switching system destination through said data network
only if said quality of service exceeds a predetermined threshold level.

Claim 23, line 1, change "22" to --21.--